

## ENERGY COMMITTEE NEWS

As energy conservation and greenhouse gas reduction programs progress on an international, national, state and municipal level, there is a growing awareness of the need to take prompt action to avert the severe consequences of continuing our current rate of fossil fuel consumption. In a positive sense, the actions taken to address this problem, namely; energy conservation, use of alternative energy sources and development of new technology result in a host of benefits. In addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, there is job creation, reduced dependence on foreign oil producers (often hostile), and most importantly ; a short and long term financial benefit. Investment in alternative energy and conservation measures generally return between FIVE and TEN TIMES the initial investment.

The Town of Fremont has been actively pursuing measures to reduce the town's energy usage (and taxpayer \$). To date we have been awarded grants to insulate the Safety Complex, Install Solar Panels at the Complex and retrofit various town facilities with efficient lighting technology. There are many other programs in process at the town level and the Ellis School. This has been a co-operative effort between the Town Officials, Town Administrator, Code Enforcement Officer, Ellis School, Sanborn Students and the Energy Committee.

There is much work to be done as we attempt to maximize our collective efforts. If you want to become a member of the Energy Committee to participate in some interesting and useful activities, please contact Bob Larson by phone at 895-4013 or by email at [larson.robert1835@comcast.net](mailto:larson.robert1835@comcast.net).



## FREMONT PLAYGROUP

The Fremont Playgroup has a new active approach to the 2009/2010 Playgroup season! Nicole Cloutier is the new playgroup coordinator. Playgroup will no longer be holding our get-togethers at the Fremont Church, though we are incredibly grateful for their

generosity in allowing us to use their space in past years. Playgroup sessions will be held bi-weekly (most months) at the Gymnastics at Brentwood Commons/Action Kids Athletics in Brentwood. We will have the 2nd and 4th Friday from 10:15 to 11 am Open Gym exclusively for Fremont Playgroup, followed by a story, snack and Parent to Parent chat. We will be taking donations for snacks and drinks. The fee is \$3 per child to play! Children of all ages are welcome to attend; we do have space and toys for infants as well as older children! Next date is Friday Nov. 13. Updates will be posted with more dates. We look forward to seeing you!

For any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact Nicole via email: [nicolecloutier725@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolecloutier725@yahoo.com)

## OPRATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has delivered standard size shoe boxes and small plastic "shoe box" containers filled with small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, candy, and other surprises to some 69 million children in over 130 countries. In 2008, nearly 8 million shoe boxes were distributed to children in countries within Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and The Middle East. Many of these children are refugees of civil war, survivors of a natural disaster, or victims of extreme poverty; and have never received a Christmas present. An ordinary shoe box, filled with toys and other presents, is an extraordinary gift for a child in need of joy and hope!

If you would like to bring a little joy into a child's life, outside of the US, there is a box in the foyer of the Fremont Library to accept donations until noon on Sat., Nov. 21. Your donation(s) will be packed into a shoe box or added to shoe boxes being collected at the People's United Methodist Church. If your family would like to fill a shoe box for either a girl or boy ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14, you may also bring it to the library, but please enclose a \$7.00 check (payable to Samaritan's Purse) to help with the shipping expenses. A list of

suggested gifts can be found at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) or brochures are available at the library or church. Specific questions can be directed to either Samaritan's Purse in No Carolina at 800 353 5949, Faith Levesque 679 9537, or Janet Therrien (PUMC) 895 6968.

## FREMONT GIVING TREE

The Fremont Giving Tree is an annual event held at Christmas to help brighten the holidays for Fremont residents in need. This event, which was originally organized by the Fremont PTA, has been successful over the years because of the generosity of our close knit community. In 2008, we helped over 65 children receive gifts on Christmas morning.

The gifts we distribute have included toys, games, new winter jackets, snow boots, snow pants, hats/gloves/mittens, winter clothing, stocking stuffers and wrapping paper, tapes and bows! We have also provided gift baskets to some of our senior residents in need containing, gift cards to local stores & gas stations, stationary w/stamps, plants, chocolates and many different goodies to make the holiday special.

We know that these economic times are difficult for everyone, but if you are able to help us this year it would be greatly appreciated. There are many ways to help by sponsoring a child, purchasing a toy off his/her list, gift cards, donating wrapping paper or a monetary donation made out to the Fremont Giving Tree. There is never a gift too small in the eyes of a child on Christmas morning! This event is run solely on the support and donations from our community and volunteers.

**If you are family that needs some assistance that the Fremont Giving Tree can provide, or you would like to help the Giving Tree by donating, please call Kathy at 895 1162. The deadline for signing up is Monday December 7th.**

## FUNERAL & BURIAL CUSTOMS

The Fremont Historical Society will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, November 10 at the Fremont Public Library at 7:30 pm. The program for the evening will be an informative talk by FHS President Matthew Thomas on various funeral & burial customs in New England, with an emphasis on those customs performed in Fremont dating back to the 1700's. Learn who the first person in Fremont was to be buried in a metal coffin; learn about the ca. 1861 Fremont horse-drawn hearse and what funeral biers were; what were mourning rings; what interesting gravestones adorn various Fremont graveyards, learn what Funeral Pie and Cooling Boards were; learn the age & origin of Fremont's 12 known graveyards, and learn what happened to people who died in the cold winter months and couldn't be buried until spring. This will be an intriguing and fascinating look into the past and how early New Englanders dealt with death. Don't miss this slide presentation. Admission is always free. Refreshments will be served. For more info call 895 4032.

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

**Peoples United Methodist Church – Community Thanksgiving Dinner 2:00 pm Thursday Nov 26<sup>th</sup>** Do you have plans for Thanksgiving dinner? If not why not join your friends from the community at the People's United Methodist Church on Main Street in Fremont for a home cooked meal? Dinner will be served at 2:00 pm in the dining room with turkey, stuffing and all the fixin's.

There is no cost for this meal and transportation will be provided for those unable to drive. This is simply a way to share with others as we have been given. So, if you find yourself alone or simply want to share in a home cooked Thanksgiving dinner and companionship, please come join us. Please call by Friday November 20<sup>th</sup> to let us know how many to expect so we can prepare a place for you and if you need transportation. For more information call Janet at 895 6968 (Please leave a message no one is home).

[www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov)

## FREMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

The Fall Story Times have ended. To see some of the fun we had, visit the photo album page of our website: [fremontpubliclibrary.org](http://fremontpubliclibrary.org). WINTER STORY TIMES will start up after the Holidays.

### IMPORTANT DATES to KEEP IN MIND:

- TUESDAY, NOV 3 - The MITTEN TREE will once again be in the Library Lobby. Help those in need during these difficult economic times by donating a pair of mittens, a hat, a scarf, etc to the tree!

- THURSDAY, NOV 12 at 7:00 pm - The Friends of the Library are hosting an evening with EDIE CLARK, New Hampshire author of a column in Yankee Magazine, "Mary's Farm." Ms Clark's program is based on foods specific to a particular region. How do these foods define a region and the people who live there? The hour-long presentation is humorous and full of interesting information about the history of our regional foods and how the changing times affect the way we eat. It will be followed by discussion with the audience. This event is free and light refreshments will be served. For more information please contact Barbara Niland at 895 4801.

- WEDNESDAY, NOV 18 at 10:00 am - Just in time for Thanksgiving, Master Puppeteer MARTHA DANA will once again "Talk Turkey!" at the Library. Sure to be delightful time, as those who have seen her perform before already know! This event is appropriate for ages 3 and up; it is free and open to all Fremont residents.

- THURSDAY, DEC 10 at 6:30 pm - Children's Musician STEVE BLUNT and Children's Author MARTY KELLEY - back by popular demand! Come join in singing some familiar Winter/Christmas songs with Steve & Marty! (Of "Let's Have A Reading Party" fame!) Marty will also read from his "Winter Woes" book; possibly others as well. This family-oriented event is sure to be a seasonal delight! This event is free and open to all Fremont residents.

## TOWN CLERK REMINDERS

**2010 dog license tags** will be available beginning Monday, 01/04/2010. A current rabies certificate is required for licensing your dog(s) as the Clerks office is required by law to retain a copy of the vaccination certificate. You may call the office to inquire if the rabies certificate on file is still valid. Please be sure to license your dog(s) by April 30<sup>th</sup> to prevent the initiation of a late penalty of \$1.00 per month. If you no longer have a dog(s) please contact the Clerks office to remove your name from the list. For your convenience, the license(s) can be mailed for an additional fee of \$1.00 per license.

**Any Fremont Resident, who had a marriage, civil union, birth or a death in 2009 in a state other than New Hampshire and would like the event published in the annual Town Report** must send a letter of request along with a copy of the "official copy" of the event to the Town Clerks Office. Any Fremont Resident who had an event occur in NH and would prefer not to have the event published must send a letter to the Clerk's Office requesting the event not be published in the Town Report. All requests must be submitted to the Town Clerks Office by Monday, January 4, 2010. Please feel free to call 895 8693 if you have questions.

## GARDEN CLUB FALL CLEANUP

On a chilly Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> morning, members of the FGC undertook a major cleanup of their many town gardens. Cutting back perennials and removing spent annuals and debris at the Town Hall Friendship Garden, Historical Museum, Fire Safety Complex, Herb Garden, Cemetery, and the Flagpole garden at the Ball Field took most of the morning.

Many thanks to the members who participated: Mary Kaltenbach, President, Pat Richmond, Pat Angus, Karli Raymond, Patti Gentile, Sal Finocchiaro, Nancy LeCain and Carolyn Carr.

Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Fremont Public Library at 7 pm. Any interested persons are invited to attend and you do not have to be a resident of Fremont. For additional information go to the website: [www.gardencentral.org/nhfgc/fremont](http://www.gardencentral.org/nhfgc/fremont)

## ENERGY COMMITTEE RECYCLING AND TRASH TIPS



Your weekly household trash must fit in the Waste Management 64-gallon green container so that the lid can CLOSE. Fremont residents will be required to pay for replacement of their container if damage is done to the (not closed) lid during the automated collection process.



The lifting arm on the refuse truck needs 5' on either side of your 64-gallon container to wrap around it to empty. DO NOT place your recycling bin right next to your green trash container.



Throw away plastic caps from bottles in your recycling container. When they are not removed, bottles may explode during the recycling process; creating a hazardous work environment. Additionally, place gray cardboard (cereal, cracker, pop tart, tissue, etc) flat inside a paper (not plastic) bag to keep it from flying out of your recycling bin.



Leaves and grass clippings can be brought to Seacoast Farms Compost located on the dirt side of Shirkin Road (off of Beede Road) Monday - Friday 7am-3pm and Sat. 9-noon by appointment (please call owner Bob Kelly at 396-4108.)



Remove outgrown toys and clothes from your trash and give away by visiting <http://freecycle.org> - a non profit, grassroots movement of people who give away items for free to interested individuals in their surrounding communities...."it's all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills."

## FAA WINTER BASKETBALL

The Fremont Athletic Association will hold sign-ups for its Winter Basketball program on the following dates in the Ellis School lobby: Wednesday 11/4 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm; Thursday 11/5 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm; and Friday 11/6 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Levels are:  
Grades 1 & 2 Coed  
Grades 3, 4, & 5 Coed  
Grades 6, 7, & 8 Coed

Play will be on Saturdays in the Ellis Gym (no schedule or times yet) Volunteer coaches are always needed. There will be a free Coaches certification class, held at a date yet to be announced.

The Fremont Athletic Association holds monthly meetings at the Fremont Town Hall every 3rd Wednesday of the month; new members and sponsors are welcome. Please contact Ralph Girardy at 642 6478 with any questions.

## OTHER NEWS NOTES

Thank you all those who volunteered to make Bulky Day successful!

There is still a Trustee of Trust Funds vacancy. Contact the Selectmen's Office for more information.

There are multiple openings on Land Use Boards. Contact Meredith at 895 3200 x 17 for information.

## ROADS & THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

Obstructions in the Town's right-of-way, such as plantings, mulch, trees, rocks, and decorative pavers ARE NOT PERMITTED. These items obstruct drainage from the roadway and cause other road problems. Please do not place any such items in the right-of-way as they are subject to being removed by the Highway Department. In general, the Town right of way is 13 feet on either edge of the paved surface. If you have any questions, please contact Road Agent Guerwood Holmes at 300 7429.